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Assistant Director for Operations

22 January 1951

Assistant Director for Collection & Dissemination

Exploitation of the Anders Collection

REFERENCE: (a) AD/00 SECRET Memo, same subject, dated 24 November 1950

1. In accordance with paragraph (5) of reference (a), this Office surveyed the Defense Departments and the Department of State as to their requirements and desires to participate in the exploitation of the Anders Collection. Forwarded herewith as enclosures are the replies received by this Office. It will be noted that the Air Force is the only department submitting requirements or offering assistance in the project; however, the Department of State has indicated that the Air Force requirements cover their needs. The Navy has reserved action pending unearthing of matters of Naval concern.

2. The Departments have requested copies of resulting reports as follows:

State - 6
Army - 2
Navy - 2
Air - Undetermined as yet

3. It is understood by this Office that the Foreign Documents Division has made a similar survey in CIA.



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Encls:

- (A) G-2/IEur 350.055, dated 2 Jan '51
- (B) State CLB 1093, dated 16 Jan '51
- (C) Navy OP-322H2/mjc Serial 00495P32, dated 17 Jan '51
- (D) AFOIN-C/CC-7, dated 19 Jan '51 (3 copies)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
Washington 25, D.C.

Op-322H2/mjc
Serial 00495P32

17 January 1951

From: Director of Naval Intelligence
To: Director of Central Intelligence
Attention: USN' Chief, Liaison Division,
Office of Collection and Dissemination

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Subj: Exploitation of the Anders Collection

Ref: (a) Liaison Division Sec Memo of 6 Dec 1950 on subject

1. The following is furnished in response to the questions posed by reference
(a) regarding the exploitation of the Anders Collection:

a. ONI has no specific requirements that may be satisfied by the Anders papers.

b. ONI does desire two copies of any exploitation undertaken by other agencies.

c. ONI does not now desire to participate directly in any phase of the actual exploitation. If at a later date matters of Naval concern are unearthed, ONI will be interested in participating directly.

2. The foregoing reiterates in brief the stand that was informally presented by the ONI representative several months ago in regard to subject in the joint conference. At that time it was conceived that the Anders Collection contained very little if anything of direct Naval interest. It was considered, however, the collection did contain considerable of interest to other agencies and the ONI representative therefore concurred in the joint expression that the matter be exploited.

s/

H. C. DANIEL
By direction

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January 16, 1951

TO : Assistant Director, OCD
Central Intelligence Agency

ATTN :

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SUBJECT: Exploitation of the Anders Collection

The Department of State is interested in obtaining material from the Anders Collection on the following specific points:

1. Details of the actual treatment of the Polish speaking population by the Red Army and Sobiet authorities during the period of military invasion, Sept 17 to Oct 6, 1939.
2. Details concerning the deportation of Poles from eastern Poland to the USSR, 1939-1941 (especially the system of selection.)
3. Conscription into Berlin's Army in the USSR, all details concerning the manner in which this army was formed and activated.
4. Activities of Polish officials in the USSR.
5. Any information about forced labor camps that sheds light on the number of forced laborers in the USSR and the types of productive work in which they were engaged.

In general, the interests of the Department are sufficiently close to those of the Air Studies Group that any statement of requirements they have could serve the Department as well.

We would like to have at least six copies of each report prepared.

The Department

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The Department does not wish to participate
in any phase of the actual exploitation.

s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Chief, CIA Liaison Branch,
Acquisition and Distribution Division

CLB 1093

2 Jan 1951

G-2/IEUR 350.055

MEMORANDUM FOR : DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ATTN: Chief, Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Exploitation of the Anders Collection

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 6 December 1950, subject as above.
2. After due consideration of this problem it has been decided that the Anders Collection does not contain sufficient intelligence information to be of value to the Department of the Army. No specific requirements are therefore being submitted, not does this office desire to participate in any phase of the actual exploitation.
3. If results of the exploitation are to be reproduced in report form, it is requested that two (2) copies of each report be forwarded to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, for file in the event that this information may be of some use in the future.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2

s/
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Executive for Operations
Intelligence Division, G-2

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Chief, Intelligence Division, G-2

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Exploitation of the Anders Collection

1. The Anders Collection consists of approximately 62,000 pages of interrogation reports and statements gathered by the Second Polish Corps under General Anders from 30,000 Polish troops at the time of their release from Soviet prison and concentration camps. The documents describe personal experiences and observations on the Soviet occupation of Poland, deportation of Polish citizens and conditions in Soviet prisons and forced labor camps, and deportation centers for the period 1939 to 1942.

2. A survey of the collection by Air Studies Division of the Library of Congress disclosed that the collection contains valuable information on industry, transportation, economic and sociological conditions on areas from which little, and no more recent information is available.

3. On the basis of this survey an interdepartmental conference was held in which it was determined that the collection should be exploited and CIA should assume the responsibility for the project. In April 1950 the Navy, Air Force and State Departments wrote formal requests for the exploitation to CIA.

4. Administrative and mechanical difficulties were presented which delayed the project until this date. The whole collection is being transported to the Library of Congress from the Hoover Library at Stanford University. The collection must be returned within one year. Air Studies Division have agreed to undertake the exploitation if funds are provided by CIA. In order to present a proper application to the Projects Review Committee for the necessary funds we should have current expressions of interests from the Intelligence Advisory Committee members.

5. Please request the Army, Navy, State and Air Force Departments to forward current requests for the exploitation of the collection and to include:

- a. Statement of requirements as specific as possible.
- b. Statement of the minimum number of necessary copies of each report.
- c. Statement of whether the agency wishes to participate in any phase of the actual exploitation.

6. The offices of CIA have all responded with requests for the exploitation.

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7. For your information the Agency representatives who are informed of the project and who attended the conferences last spring are:

Lt. Col. T. R. Philbin
Mr. D. F. Dorr
Mr. H. Penniman
Lt. Comdr. C. R. Carli
Lt. Comdr. J. P. Dixon
Lt. Col. W. F. Ross
Major R. E. Work

Army (Now with JCS)
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GEORGE O. CARNEY

CIA/FDD:BBC/jaa 22 November 1950

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